

DESCRIPTION

RADIATION SENSITIVE COMPOSITION, INSULATING FILM AND ORGANIC
EL DISPLAY ELEMENT

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Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to a radiation sensitive resin composition, an insulating film made therefrom and an organic EL display element comprising the insulating film.

10 More specifically, it relates to a positive type radiation sensitive resin composition suitable for the formation of an insulating film using radiation such as ultraviolet ray, deep ultraviolet ray, X-ray, electron beam, molecular beam, γ -ray, synchrotron radiation or proton beam, an insulating

15 film made therefrom and an organic EL display element comprising the insulating film.

Prior Art

Compared with liquid crystal display elements, organic EL elements have various advantages such as no dependence

20 upon view angle as they emit light themselves, as well as excellent impact resistance, low voltage drive, low power consumption and high operational stability at low temperatures as they are solid elements. Passive type organic EL elements have the advantage of low cost since they are simple matrix

25 elements. Owing to these advantages, the organic EL elements are highly expected to be used for mobile applications such as portable terminals and car equipment, and active studies on these organic EL elements are now under way.

The production of the above organic EL elements is

30 generally carried out by the following method. A transparent electrode (hole injection electrode) made from, for example, tin doped indium oxide (ITO) and a hole transport layer pattern are formed on a substrate. In the case of a passive type organic EL element, after an insulating film pattern and a cathode

partition pattern are formed, organic EL layer, electron transport layer and cathode are patterned by deposition. In the case of an active type organic EL element, after an ITO pattern and a hole transport layer pattern are formed, an
5 insulating layer pattern which will become partitions for the organic EL layer is formed, followed by the formation of an organic EL layer pattern by a masking method and the formation of electron transport layer and cathode patterns.

The organic EL layer is generally made from a material
10 formed by doping a base material such as Alq₃ or BeBq₃ with quinacridone or coumarin and the cathode is generally made from a material essentially composed of a metal having a low work function such as Mg or Ag.

The insulating film material is generally an acrylic
15 material having alkali developability or a polyimide material having organic developability. However, the following problem is encountered in this case.

The hole transport layer, organic EL layer and electron transport layer are often made from a basic material such
20 as an amine-based material to suitably transport holes or electrons. However, this material readily undergoes a structural change due to a trace amount of water and deterioration by an organic substance. Therefore, when the water permeability of an insulating film material is large
25 or the residue after development exists at the time of forming an insulating film pattern, a phenomenon such as the spread of a non-emitting portion (dark area) occurs. Since a cathode essentially composed of a metal having a low work function is readily oxidized, a similar problem arises.

30 Particularly in the case of a passive type organic EL element, a portion made from the basic material is in direct contact with an insulating film. As this insulating film must have alkali developability or organic developability, it shows the acidity of carboxylic acid or phenol and reacts with the

above basic material through water on the contact surface, or water changes the structure of the insulating film directly. When the water permeability of the insulating film is large, the insulating film promotes corrosion by an acid. A cathode
5 essentially composed of a metal having a low work function is corroded through its reaction with an acid, thereby forming a dark spot (non-luminous spot).

When the angle (tapered angle) formed by the bottom side and the tangent of the edge portion of the sectional form
10 of the formed insulating film is large, an organic EL layer formed by deposition may crack, whereby water enters from the crack to cause an emission failure.

Further, an insulating film made from a conventionally known material does not have sufficient resistance to a resist
15 remover which is used to form a cathode for a passive type organic EL element, thereby making it impossible to produce an organic EL display element stably.

An insulating film material which can solve the above problems has not been proposed yet and it has been impossible
20 to produce an organic EL element having sufficiently long service life stably.

Meanwhile, an organic EL display element having a high aperture for high definition is now under study. This organic EL element is produced by the following method, for example.
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A drive terminal is formed on a substrate such as a glass substrate and an insulating film having flattening performance is formed on the terminal. A transparent electrode (hole injection electrode) pattern made from ITO, for example, is formed on the insulating film. The pattern is generally formed
30 by wet etching.

A hole transport layer, organic EL layer, electron transport layer and electron injection electrode are then formed on the pattern sequentially.

A 1 to 15 μm through hole or a U-shaped cavity must be

formed in the insulating film used in the organic EL display element having the above structure to communicate the ITO electrode (hole injection electrode) formed above the insulating film with the drive terminal below the insulating
5 film. The insulating film must have excellent flattening performance, high transparency and high resistance to a resist remover.

However, a material capable of forming an insulating film having such high resolution that the above through hole
10 or U-shaped cavity can be formed therein, excellent flattening performance, high transparency and high resistance to a resist remover has not been proposed yet.

Summary of the Invention

It is an object of the present invention to provide a
15 radiation sensitive resin composition for forming an insulating film which enables the stable production of an organic EL element having long service life.

It is another object of the present invention to provide a radiation sensitive resin composition for forming an
20 insulating film which enables the formation of a through hole or U-shaped cavity therein and has excellent flattening performance, high transparency and high resistance to a resist remover.

It is still another object of the present invention to
25 provide an insulating film formed from the above radiation sensitive resin composition.

It is a further object of the present invention to provide an organic EL element comprising the above insulating film.

Other objects and advantages of the present invention
30 will become apparent from the following description.

According to the present invention, firstly, the above objects and advantages of the present invention are attained by a radiation sensitive resin composition (may be referred to as "first composition" hereinafter), comprising:

(1) (a) an alkali-soluble resin having no epoxy group, and (b) a 1,2-quinonediazide compound, and (2) being for forming an insulating film for an organic EL display element.

According to the present invention, secondly, the above
5 objects and advantages of the present invention are attained by a radiation sensitive resin composition, comprising:

(1) (a') an alkali-soluble resin having an epoxy group, and (b) a 1,2-quinonediazide compound, and (2) being for forming an insulating film for an organic EL display element.

10 According to the present invention, thirdly, the above objects and advantages of the present invention are attained by an insulating film for an organic EL display element, which is formed from the above first composition or the above second composition of the present invention.

15 According to the present invention, fourthly, the above objects and advantages of the present invention are attained by an organic EL display element comprising an insulating film formed from the above first composition or the above second composition of the present invention.

20 Brief Description of the Drawing

Fig. 1 is a schematic diagram for judging whether the sectional form of a patterned thin film is good or not.

Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiments

The present invention will be described hereinbelow.
25 A description is first given of the first composition. The first composition comprises an alkali-soluble resin having no epoxy group (a) and a 1,2-quinonediazide compound (b).

The alkali-soluble resin having no epoxy group (a) is preferably a novolak resin having no epoxy group (to be simply
30 referred to as "novolak resin" hereinafter) or a polymer of an unsaturated monomer having an acid group such as a carboxyl group or phenolic hydroxyl group.

novolak resin

The novolak resin used in the present invention is

obtained by polycondensing a phenol with an aldehyde in the presence of an acid catalyst. Examples of the phenol used include phenol, o-cresol, m-cresol, p-cresol, o-ethylphenol, m-ethylphenol, p-ethylphenol, o-butylphenol, m-butylphenol, p-butylphenol, 2,3-xyleneol, 2,4-xyleneol, 2,5-xyleneol, 3,4-xyleneol, 3,5-xyleneol, 2,3,5-trimethylphenol, 3,4,5-trimethylphenol, p-phenylphenol, hydroquinone, catechol, resorcinol, 2-methylresorcinol, pyrogallol, α -naphthol, β -naphthol, bisphenol A, dihydroxybenzoic acid ester, gallic acid ester, o-nitrophenol, m-nitrophenol, p-nitrophenol, o-chlorophenol, m-chlorophenol and p-chlorophenol. Out of these compounds, o-cresol, m-cresol, p-cresol, 2,3-xyleneol, 2,4-xyleneol, 2,5-xyleneol, 2,3,5-trimethylphenol, resorcinol and 2-methylresorcinol are preferred. These phenols may be used alone or in combination of two or more.

Examples of the aldehyde to be polycondensed with the above phenol include formaldehyde, paraformaldehyde, benzaldehyde, acetaldehyde, propylaldehyde, phenylaldehyde, α -phenylpropylaldehyde, β -phenylpropylaldehyde, o-hydroxybenzaldehyde, m-hydroxybenzaldehyde, p-hydroxybenzaldehyde, o-chlorobenzaldehyde, m-chlorobenzaldehyde, p-chlorobenzaldehyde, o-nitrobenzaldehyde, m-nitrobenzaldehyde, p-nitrobenzaldehyde, o-methylbenzaldehyde, m-methylbenzaldehyde, p-methylbenzaldehyde, o-ethylbenzaldehyde, m-ethylbenzaldehyde, p-ethylbenzaldehyde, p-n-butylaldehyde, furfural, 1-naphthoaldehyde, 2-naphthoaldehyde and 2-hydroxy-1-naphthoaldehyde. Trioxane which forms an aldehyde during a reaction may also be used as the above aldehyde. Out of these, formaldehyde is particularly preferred. The above aldehydes and compound forming an aldehyde may be used alone or in combination of two or more. The aldehyde is used

in an amount of preferably 0.7 to 3 mols, more preferably 0.7 to 2 mols based on 1 mol of the phenol.

Examples of the acid catalyst include hydrochloric acid, nitric acid, sulfuric acid, p-toluenesulfonic acid, formic
5 acid, acetic acid and oxalic acid. The amount of the acid catalyst is preferably 1×10^{-4} to 5×10^{-1} mol based on 1 mol of the phenol.

Water is preferably used as a reaction medium for a polycondensation reaction. However, when the phenol used in
10 the polycondensation reaction does not dissolve in an aqueous solution of an aldehyde and a heterogeneous system is thereby formed in the initial stage of the reaction, a hydrophilic organic solvent may be used as a reaction medium. Examples of the solvent used in this case include alcohols such as
15 methanol, ethanol and butanol; and cyclic ethers such as tetrahydrofuran and dioxane. The amount of the reaction medium is preferably 20 to 100 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of the total of the reaction raw materials.

The condensation reaction temperature can be suitably
20 adjusted according to the reactivity of each of the reaction raw materials. It is preferably 10 to 200°C. After the end of the polycondensation reaction, the temperature is suitably elevated to 130 to 230°C to remove an unreacted raw material, catalyst and reaction medium remaining in the system, thereby
25 making it possible to distill off volatile matter under reduced pressure and to collect the novolak resin. At this point, the novolak resin may be collected after the reaction mixture obtained after the polycondensation reaction is washed with a suitable solvent as required.

30 The weight average molecular weight in terms of polystyrene (to be referred to as "Mw" hereinafter) of the novolak resin is preferably 2,000 to 20,000, more preferably 3,000 to 15,000. When Mw is larger than 20,000, it may be difficult to apply the composition to a wafer uniformly, and

developability and sensitivity may deteriorate. When Mw is smaller than 2,000, not only a portion exposed to radiation but also a portion unexposed to radiation have solubility in a developer in the developing step to be described hereinafter, whereby a pattern may not be formed.

5 polymer of an unsaturated monomer having an acid group

The unsaturated monomer having an acid group is preferably an unsaturated carboxylic acid, unsaturated carboxylic anhydride or unsaturated monomer containing a phenolic hydroxyl group. They may be used alone or in combination of two or more.

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The polymer may be a polymer or copolymer of the above unsaturated monomer or a copolymer of the above unsaturated monomer and another olefinic unsaturated monomer.

15 Examples of the unsaturated carboxylic acid and unsaturated carboxylic anhydride include o-vinylbenzoic acid, m-vinylbenzoic acid, p-vinylbenzoic acid, and alkyl, alkoxy, halogen, nitro, cyano, amide and ester substituted products thereof; methacrylic acid, acrylic acid, and α -position substituted products obtained by substituting the α -position thereof by a haloalkyl, alkoxy, halogen, nitro or cyano group; and unsaturated dicarboxylic acids such as maleic acid, maleic anhydride, fumaric acid, fumaric anhydride, citraconic acid, mesaconic acid, itaconic acid and

20 1,4-cyclohexenedicarboxylic acid, and half esters obtained by substituting one of the carboxyl groups thereof by a methyl, ethyl, propyl, i-propyl, n-butyl, sec-butyl, ter-butyl, phenyl, o-toluy, m-toluy or p-toluy ester group, and half amides obtained by substituting one of the carboxyl groups thereof by an amide group.

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Examples of the unsaturated monomer containing a phenolic hydroxyl group include o-hydroxystyrene, m-hydroxystyrene, p-hydroxystyrene, and alkyl, alkoxy, halogen, haloalkyl, nitro, cyano, amide, ester and carboxyl

substituted products thereof; and polyhydroxyvinylphenols such as vinylhydroquinone, 5-vinylpyrogallol, 6-vinylpyrogallol and 1-vinylphloroglucinol.

Out of these unsaturated monomers having an acid group, 5 m-hydroxystyrene, p-hydroxystyrene, acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, maleic acid, maleic anhydride and itaconic acid are preferred. They may be used alone or in combination of two or more.

Examples of the another radically polymerizable 10 olefinic unsaturated monomer include styrene and α -alkyl, o-alkyl, m-alkyl, p-alkyl, alkoxyl, halogen, haloalkyl, nitro, cyano, amide and ester substituted products thereof; olefins such as butadiene, isoprene and chloroprene; (meth)acrylates such as methyl (meth)acrylate, ethyl (meth)acrylate, n-propyl 15 (meth)acrylate, i-propyl (meth)acrylate, n-butyl (meth)acrylate, sec-butyl (meth)acrylate, tert-butyl (meth)acrylate, pentyl (meth)acrylate, neopentyl (meth)acrylate, isoamylhexyl (meth)acrylate, cyclohexyl (meth)acrylate, adamantyl (meth)acrylate, allyl 20 (meth)acrylate, propargyl (meth)acrylate, phenyl (meth)acrylate, naphthyl (meth)acrylate, anthracenyl (meth)acrylate, anthraquinonyl (meth)acrylate, piperonyl (meth)acrylate, salicyl (meth)acrylate, cyclohexyl (meth)acrylate, benzyl (meth)acrylate, phenethyl 25 (meth)acrylate, cresyl (meth)acrylate, glycidyl (meth)acrylate, 1,1,1-trifluoroethyl (meth)acrylate, perfluoroethyl (meth)acrylate, perfluoro-n-propyl (meth)acrylate, perfluoro-i-propyl (meth)acrylate, triphenylmethyl (meth)acrylate, 30 tricyclo[5.2.1.0^{2,6}]decane-8-yl (meth)acrylate (commonly called "dicyclopentanylmethyl (meth)acrylate" in this technical field), cumyl (meth)acrylate, 3-(N,N-dimethylamino)propyl (meth)acrylate, 3-(N,N-dimethylamino)ethyl (meth)acrylate, furyl (meth)acrylate and furfuryl (meth)acrylate;

(meth)acrylanilide, (meth)acrylamide, N,N-dimethylamide
(meth)acrylate, N,N-diethylamide (meth)acrylate,
N,N-dipropylamide (meth)acrylate, N,N-diisopropylamide
(meth)acrylate, anthranylamide (meth)acrylate,

- 5 (meth)acrylonitrile, acrolein, vinyl chloride, vinylidene
chloride, vinyl fluoride, vinylidene fluoride,
N-vinylpyrrolidone, vinylpyridine, vinyl acetate,
N-phenylmaleimide, N-(4-hydroxyphenyl)maleimide,
N-methacryloylphthalimide and N-acryloylphthalimide.

- 10 Out of these, styrene, butadiene, phenyl (meth)acrylate,
glycidyl (meth)acrylate and dicyclopentanyl (meth)acrylate
are preferred as the another olefinic unsaturated monomer.
They may be used alone or in combination of two or more.

- The amount of the another olefinic unsaturated monomer
15 differs according to the type of a group which provides alkali
solubility. The amount of the unsaturated monomer containing
a phenolic hydroxyl group is preferably 0 to 30 wt%, more
preferably 5 to 20 wt% based on the total weight of the
unsaturated monomer containing a phenolic hydroxyl group and
20 the another olefinic unsaturated monomer. In the case of an
unsaturated carboxylic acid and unsaturated carboxylic
anhydride, the amount of the another olefinic unsaturated
monomer is preferably 0 to 90 wt%, more preferably 10 to 80
wt% based on the total weight of the unsaturated carboxylic
25 acid, unsaturated carboxylic anhydride and another olefinic
unsaturated monomer. When the ratio of the another olefinic
unsaturated monomer to the unsaturated monomer having an acid
group such as a hydroxyl group or carboxyl group is larger
than the above range, alkali developability may become
30 unsatisfactory.

Examples of the solvent used to synthesize a polymer
of the unsaturated monomer having an acid group include
alcohols such as methanol, ethanol and diacetone alcohol;
ethers such as tetrahydrofuran, tetrahydropyran and dioxane;

glycol ethers such as ethylene glycol monomethyl ether and ethylene glycol monoethyl ether; ethylene glycol alkylether acetates such as methyl cellosolve acetate and ethyl cellosolve acetate; diethylene glycols such as diethylene glycol monomethyl ether, diethylene glycol monoethyl ether, diethylene glycol dimethyl ether, diethylene glycol diethyl ether and diethylene glycol ethyl methyl ether; propylene glycol monoalkyl ethers such as propylene glycol methyl ether, propylene glycol ethyl ether, propylene glycol propyl ether and propylene glycol butyl ether; propylene glycol alkyl ether acetates such as propylene glycol methyl ether acetate, propylene glycol ethyl ether acetate, propylene glycol propyl ether acetate and propylene glycol butyl ether acetate; propylene glycol alkyl ether acetates such as propylene glycol methyl ether propionate, propylene glycol ethyl ether propionate, propylene glycol propyl ether propionate and propylene glycol butyl ether propionate; aromatic hydrocarbons such as toluene and xylene; ketones such as methyl ethyl ketone, cyclohexanone and 4-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-pentanone; and esters such as methyl acetate, ethyl acetate, propyl acetate, butyl acetate, ethyl 2-hydroxypropionate, methyl 2-hydroxy-2-methylpropionate, ethyl 2-hydroxy-2-methylpropionate, methyl hydroxyacetate, ethyl hydroxyacetate, butyl hydroxyacetate, methyl lactate, ethyl lactate, propyl lactate, butyl lactate, methyl 3-hydroxypropionate, ethyl 3-hydroxypropionate, propyl 3-hydroxypropionate, butyl 3-hydroxypropionate, methyl 2-hydroxy-3-methylbutanoate, methyl methoxyacetate, ethyl methoxyacetate, propyl methoxyacetate, butyl methoxyacetate, methyl ethoxyacetate, ethyl ethoxyacetate, propyl ethoxyacetate, butyl ethoxyacetate, methyl propoxyacetate, ethyl propoxyacetate, propyl propoxyacetate, butyl propoxyacetate, methyl butoxyacetate, ethyl butoxyacetate, propyl butoxyacetate, butyl butoxyacetate, methyl

2-methoxypropionate, ethyl 2-methoxypropionate, propyl
2-methoxypropionate, butyl 2-methoxypropionate, methyl
2-ethoxypropionate, ethyl 2-ethoxypropionate, propyl
2-ethoxypropionate, butyl 2-ethoxypropionate, methyl
5 2-butoxypropionate, ethyl 2-butoxypropionate, propyl
2-butoxypropionate, butyl 2-butoxypropionate, methyl
3-methoxypropionate, ethyl 3-methoxypropionate, propyl
3-methoxypropionate, butyl 3-methoxypropionate, methyl
3-ethoxypropionate, ethyl 3-ethoxypropionate, propyl
10 3-ethoxypropionate, butyl 3-ethoxypropionate, methyl
3-propoxypropionate, ethyl 3-propoxypropionate, propyl
3-propoxypropionate, butyl 3-propoxypropionate, methyl
3-butoxypropionate, ethyl 3-butoxypropionate, propyl
3-butoxypropionate, and butyl 3-butoxypropionate. The
15 amount of the solvent is preferably 20 to 1,000 parts by weight
based on 100 parts by weight of the total of the reaction
raw materials.

Any generally known radical polymerization initiator
may be used as the polymerization initiator used for the
20 production of the polymer of an unsaturated monomer having
an acid group. Examples of the polymerization initiator
include azo compounds such as 2,2'-azobisisobutyronitrile,
2,2'-azobis-(2,4-dimethylvaleronitrile) and
2,2'-azobis-(4-methoxy-2,4-dimethylvaleronitrile);
25 organic peroxides such as benzoyl peroxide, lauroyl peroxide,
t-butyl peroxypropionate and
1,1'-bis-(t-butylperoxy)cyclohexane; and hydrogen peroxide.
When a peroxide is used as the radical polymerization initiator,
it may be used in conjunction with a reducing agent as a redox
30 type initiator.

As another method of synthesizing the polymer of an
unsaturated monomer having an acid group used in the present
invention, a homopolymer of a monomer corresponding to a
monomer having a phenolic hydroxyl group or carboxyl group

of above unsaturated monomer having acid group protected by a protective group such as an alkyl group, acetyl group or phenacyl group, or a copolymer of the above monomer and another olefinic unsaturated monomer is obtained and then alkali
5 solubility is provided by removing the protective group by a reaction such as hydrolysis.

The polymer of an unsaturated monomer having an acid group used in the present invention may be a polymer having transparency or softening point improved by hydrogenation
10 or the like.

The weight average molecular weight in terms of polystyrene of the polymer of an unsaturated monomer having an acid group used in the present invention is preferably 2,000 to 100,000, more preferably 3,000 to 50,000,
15 particularly preferably 5,000 to 30,000. Within the above range, there can be provided a radiation sensitive resin composition having good balance among pattern shape, resolution, developability and heat resistance, and good balance between developability and sensitivity.

20 Commercially available products of the polymer include hydroxystyrene (co)polymers and partial hydrides thereof such as Marukalyncur M and PHM-C (of Maruzen Petrochemical Co., Ltd.) and VP-1500 (of Nippon Soda Co., Ltd.).

1,2-quinonediazide compound

25 The 1,2-quinonediazide compound (b) used in the present invention is preferably a 1,2-quinonediazide compound having a structure that it forms a carboxylic acid by absorbing radiation. The compound is, for example, a
1,2-benzoquinonediazidesulfonic acid ester,
30 1,2-naphthoquinonediazidesulfonic acid ester,
1,2-benzoquinonediazidesulfonamide or
1,2-naphthoquinonediazidesulfonamide.

Specific examples of the compound include
1,2-naphthoquinonediazidesulfonic acid esters of

trihydroxybenzophenone such as
2,3,4-trihydroxybenzophenone-1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-4
-sulfonate,
2,3,4-trihydroxybenzophenone-1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-5
5 -sulfonate,
2,4,6-trihydroxybenzophenone-1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-4
-sulfonate and
2,4,6-trihydroxybenzophenone-1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-5
-sulfonate; 1,2-naphthoquinonediazidesulfonic acid esters
10 of tetrahydroxybenzophenone such as
2,2',4,4'-tetrahydroxybenzophenone-1,2-
naphthoquinonediazide-4-sulfonate,
2,2',4,4'-tetrahydroxybenzophenone-1,2-
naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonate,
15 2,3,4,3'-tetrahydroxybenzophenone-1,2-
naphthoquinonediazide-4-sulfonate,
2,3,4,3'-tetrahydroxybenzophenone-1,2-
naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonate,
2,3,4,4'-tetrahydroxybenzophenone-1,2-
20 naphthoquinonediazide-4-sulfonate,
2,3,4,4'-tetrahydroxybenzophenone-1,2-
naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonate,
2,3,4,2'-tetrahydroxy-4'-methylbenzophenone-1,2-
naphthoquinonediazide-4-sulfonate,
25 2,3,4,2'-tetrahydroxy-4'-methylbenzophenone-1,2-
naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonate,
2,3,4,4'-tetrahydroxy-3'-methoxybenzophenone-1,2-
naphthoquinonediazide-4-sulfonate and
2,3,4,4'-tetrahydroxy-3'-methoxybenzophenone-1,2-
30 naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonate;
1,2-naphthoquinonediazidesulfonic acid esters of
pentahydroxybenzophenone such as
2,3,4,2',6'-pentahydroxybenzophenone-1,2-
naphthoquinonediazide-4-sulfonate and

- 2,3,4,2',6'-pentahydroxybenzophenone-1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonate;
1,2-naphthoquinonediazidesulfonic acid esters of hexahydroxybenzophenone such as
- 5 2,4,6,3',4',5'-hexahydroxybenzophenone-1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-4-sulfonate,
2,4,6,3',4',5'-hexahydroxybenzophenone-1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonate,
3,4,5,3',4',5'-hexahydroxybenzophenone-1,2-
- 10 naphthoquinonediazide-4-sulfonate and
3,4,5,3',4',5'-hexahydroxybenzophenone-1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonate; and
1,2-naphthoquinonediazidesulfonic acid esters of (polyhydroxyphenyl)alkane such as
- 15 bis(2,4-dihydroxyphenyl)methane-1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-4-sulfonate,
bis(2,4-dihydroxyphenyl)methane-1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonate,
bis(p-hydroxyphenyl)methane-1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-4-
- 20 sulfonate,
bis(p-hydroxyphenyl)methane-1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonate,
tri(p-hydroxyphenyl)methane-1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-4-sulfonate,
- 25 tri(p-hydroxyphenyl)methane-1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonate, 1,1,1-tri(p-hydroxyphenyl)ethane-1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-4-sulfonate,
1,1,1-tri(p-hydroxyphenyl)ethane-1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonate,
- 30 bis(2,3,4-trihydroxyphenyl)methane-1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-4-sulfonate,
bis(2,3,4-trihydroxyphenyl)methane-1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonate,
2,2-bis(2,3,4-trihydroxyphenyl)propane-1,2-

- naphthoquinonediazide-4-sulfonate,
 2,2-bis(2,3,4-trihydroxyphenyl)propane-1,2-
 naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonate,
 1,1,3-tris(2,5-dimethyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-phenylpropane
 5 -1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-4-sulfonate,
 1,1,3-tris(2,5-dimethyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-phenylpropane
 -1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonate, 4,4'-[1-[4-[1-[4-
 hydroxyphenyl]-1-methylethyl]phenyl]ethylidene]bisphenol
 -1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-4-sulfonate, 4,4'-[1-[4-[1-[4-
 10 hydroxyphenyl]-1-methylethyl]phenyl]ethylidene]bisphenol
 -1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonate,
 bis(2,5-dimethyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-2-hydroxyphenylmethane
 -1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-4-sulfonate,
 bis(2,5-dimethyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-2-hydroxyphenylmethane
 15 -1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonate,
 3,3,3',3'-tetramethyl-1,1'-spirobiindene-5,6,7,5',6',7'-
 hexanol-1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-4-sulfonate,
 3,3,3',3'-tetramethyl-1,1'-spirobiindene-5,6,7,5',6',7'-
 hexanol-1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonate,
 20 2,2,4-trimethyl-7,2',4'-trihydroxyflavan-1,2-
 naphthoquinonediazide-4-sulfonate and
 2,2,4-trimethyl-7,2',4'-trihydroxyflavan-1,2-
 naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonate.

Besides the above compounds, 1,2-quinonediazide
 25 compounds disclosed in "Light-Sensitive Systems", pp. 339
 to 352, 1965 written by J. Kosar and published by John Wiley
 & Sons, New York, and "Photoresist", pp. 50, 1975 written
 by W.S. De Fores and published by McGraw-Hill, Inc., New York,
 may also be used.

30 The above compound may be used in the form of a condensate
 obtained by reacting part or all thereof with the above
 alkali-soluble resin (a).

Out of these 1,2-quinonediazide compounds, preferred
 are 1,2-naphthoquinonediazidesulfonic acid esters of

trihydroxybenzophenone such as
 2,3,4-trihydroxybenzophenone-1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-5
 -sulfonate and
 2,4,6-trihydroxybenzophenone-1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-5
 5 -sulfonate; 1,2-naphthoquinonediazidesulfonic acid esters
 of tetrahydroxybenzophenone such as
 2,3,4,3'-tetrahydroxybenzophenone-1,2-
 naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonate,
 2,3,4,4'-tetrahydroxybenzophenone-1,2-
 10 naphthoquinonediazide-4-sulfonate,
 2,3,4,4'-tetrahydroxybenzophenone-1,2-
 naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonate and
 2,3,4,4'-tetrahydroxy-3'-methoxybenzophenone-1,2-
 naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonate; and
 15 bis(2,4-dihydroxyphenyl)methane-1,2-
 naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonate,
 bis(p-hydroxyphenyl)methane-1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-5-
 sulfonate,
 tri(p-hydroxyphenyl)methane-1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-5-
 20 sulfonate, 1,1,1-tri(p-hydroxyphenyl)ethane-1,2-
 naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonate,
 bis(2,3,4-trihydroxyphenyl)methane-1,2-
 naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonate,
 2,2-bis(2,3,4-trihydroxyphenyl)propane-1,2-
 25 naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonate and
 1,1,3-tris(2,5-dimethyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-phenylpropane
 -1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonate.

More preferred are

2,3,4-trihydroxybenzophenone-1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-5
 30 -sulfonate, 1,2-naphthoquinonediazidesulfonic acid esters
 of tetrahydroxybenzophenone such as
 2,3,4,4'-tetrahydroxybenzophenone-1,2-
 naphthoquinonediazide-4-sulfonate,
 2,3,4,4'-tetrahydroxybenzophenone-1,2-

naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonate and
2,3,4,4'-tetrahydroxy-3'-methoxybenzophenone-1,2-
naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonate,
1,1,1-tri(p-hydroxyphenyl)ethane-1,2-
5 naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonate,
bis(2,3,4-trihydroxyphenyl)methane-1,2-
naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonate,
2,2-bis(2,3,4-trihydroxyphenyl)propane-1,2-
naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonate and
10 1,1,3-tris(2,5-dimethyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-phenylpropane
-1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonate.

The above 1,2-quinonediazide compounds may be used alone
or in admixture of two or more.

The amount of the 1,2-quinonediazide compound (b) is
15 preferably 5 to 100 parts by weight, more preferably 10 to
50 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of the
alkali-soluble resin (a). When the amount is smaller than
5 parts by weight, patterning may be difficult and when the
amount is larger than 100 parts by weight, development with
20 an alkaline aqueous solution developer may be difficult.

An insulating film made from a radiation sensitive resin
composition containing the above alkali-soluble resin (a)
and the above 1,2-quinonediazide compound (b) has no residue
after development and low water permeability for use in an
25 organic EL element and can suppress the formation of a dark
area caused by a trace amount of water.

(c) basic nitrogen-containing compound

The radiation sensitive resin composition of the present
invention may contain a basic nitrogen-containing compound
30 (c). The reactivity of an insulating film made from the
composition containing the basic nitrogen-containing
compound (c) with a hole transport layer, organic EL layer
and electron transport layer comprising a basic material and
a cathode essentially composed of a metal having a low work

function is fully suppressed, thereby making it possible to control the formation of a dark spot caused by the corrosion of the above layers.

The basic nitrogen-containing compound (c) used in the present invention is preferably a nitrogen-containing organic compound whose basicity is not changed by exposure or baking, as exemplified by:

(1) a compound represented by the following general formula (1) (to be referred to as "nitrogen-containing compound (I)" hereinafter):



wherein R^1 , R^2 and R^3 are each independently a hydrogen atom, alkyl group, aryl group or aralkyl group, with the proviso that R^1 , R^2 and R^3 cannot be a hydrogen atom at the same time,

(2) a diamino compound having two nitrogen atoms of an amino group in the same molecule (to be referred to as "nitrogen-containing compound (II)" hereinafter),

(3) a polymer having three or more nitrogen atoms (to be referred to as "nitrogen-containing compound (III)" hereinafter),

(4) an amide group-containing compound,

(5) an urea compound, and

(6) a nitrogen-containing heterocyclic compound.

These basic nitrogen-containing compounds may be used alone or in combination of two or more.

Illustrative examples of (1) the nitrogen-containing compound (I) include monoalkylamines such as n-hexylamine, n-heptylamine, n-octylamine, n-nonylamine and n-decylamine; dialkylamines such as di-n-butylamine, di-n-pentylamine, di-n-hexylamine, di-n-heptylamine, di-n-octylamine, di-n-nonylamine and di-n-decylamine; trialkylamines such as triethylamine, tri-n-propylamine, tri-n-butylamine, tri-n-pentylamine, tri-n-hexylamine, tri-n-heptylamine, tri-n-octylamine, tri-n-nonylamine and tri-n-decylamine; and aromatic amines such as aniline, N-methylaniline,

N,N-dimethylaniline, 2-methylaniline, 3-methylaniline, 4-methylaniline, 4-nitroaniline, diphenylamine, triphenylamine and naphthylamine.

Out of these, trialkylamines are preferred.

- 5 Illustrative examples of (2) the nitrogen-containing compound (II) include ethylenediamine, N,N,N',N'-tetramethylethylenediamine, tetramethylenediamine, hexamethylenediamine, 4,4'-diaminodiphenylmethane, 4,4'-diaminodiphenyl ether, 10 4,4'-diaminobenzophenone, 4,4'-diaminodiphenylamine, 2,2-bis(4-aminophenyl)propane, 2-(3-aminophenyl)-2-(4-aminophenyl)propane, 2-(4-aminophenyl)-2-(3-hydroxyphenyl)propane, 2-(4-aminophenyl)-2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propane, 15 1,4-bis[1-(4-aminophenyl)-1-methylethyl]benzene and 1,3-bis[1-(4-aminophenyl)-1-methylethyl]benzene.

- Illustrative examples of (3) the nitrogen-containing compound (III) include poly(4-pyridine), poly(2-pyridine), poly(N-2-pyrrolidone), polyethyleneimine, polyarylamine and 20 poly(dimethylaminoethylacrylamide).

- Illustrative examples of (4) the amide group-containing compound include formamide, N-methylformamide, N,N-dimethylformamide, acetamide, N-methylacetamide, N,N-dimethylacetamide, propionamide, benzamide, pyrrolidone 25 and N-methylpyrrolidone.

Illustrative examples of (5) the urea compound include urea, methylurea, 1,1-dimethylurea, 1,3-dimethylurea, 1,1,3,3-tetramethylurea, 1,3-diphenylurea and tributylurea.

- Illustrative examples of (6) the nitrogen-containing 30 heterocyclic compound include imidazoles such as imidazole, benzimidazole, 4-methylimidazole and 4-methyl-2-phenylimidazole; pyridines such as pyridine, 2-methylpyridine, 4-methylpyridine, 2-ethylpyridine, 4-ethylpyridine, 2-phenylpyridine, 4-phenylpyridine,

N-methyl-4-phenylpyridine, nicotine, nicotinic acid, nicotinamide, quinoline, 8-oxyquinoline and acridine; pyrazine, pyrazole, pyridazine, quinoxaline, purine, pyrrolidine, piperidine, morpholine, 4-methylmorpholine, 5 piperazine, 1,4-dimethylpiperazine and 1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane. Out of these, pyridines are particularly preferred.

Out of these basic nitrogen-containing compounds, (1) the nitrogen-containing compounds (I) and (6) the 10 nitrogen-containing heterocyclic compounds are preferred.

In the present invention, the basic nitrogen-containing compounds (c) may be used alone or in combination of two or more.

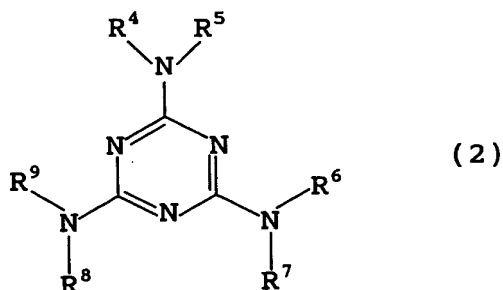
The amount of the basic nitrogen-containing compound 15 in the present invention is preferably 0.01 to 20 parts by weight, more preferably 0.05 to 10 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of the alkali-soluble resin (a). When the amount of the basic nitrogen-containing compound is smaller than 0.01 part by weight, the effect of improving 20 the service life of the organic EL element may not be obtained to the full and when the amount is larger than 20 parts by weight, the sensitivity of the obtained radiation sensitive resin composition and the developability of the exposed portion may deteriorate.

25 (d) at least one compound selected from melamine compound and epoxy compound

The radiation sensitive resin composition of the present invention may further contain (d) at least one compound selected from a melamine compound and an epoxy compound. When 30 the radiation sensitive resin composition contains the compound (d), an insulating film formed from the composition achieves sufficiently high resistance to a resist stripper used to form a cathode for a passive type liquid crystal display element. Therefore, even when the insulating film is exposed

to the resist stripper, it is not removed.

The melamine used in the present invention is represented by the following formula (2):



wherein R^4 to R^9 may be the same or different and each a hydrogen atom or $-CH_2OR$ group, R is a hydrogen atom or alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, with the proviso that at least one of R^4 to R^9 must be a $-CH_2OR$ group.

15 Examples of the melamine represented by the above formula (2) include hexamethylol melamine, hexabutyrol melamine, partial methylol melamine and alkylated products thereof, tetramethylol benzoguanamine, partial methylol benzoguanamine and alkylated products thereof.

20 Out of the above melamines, commercially available products such as Cymel 300, 301, 303, 370, 325, 327, 701, 266, 267, 238, 1141, 272, 202, 1156, 1158, 1123, 1170, 1174, UFR65 and 300 (of Mitsui Cyanamid Co., Ltd.) and Nikalac Mx-750, -032, -706, -708, -40 and -31, Nikalac Ms-11 and Nikalac Mw-30
25 (of Sanwa Chemical Co., Ltd.) are preferred.

30 The amount of the melamine is preferably 1 to 100 parts by weight, more preferably 5 to 50 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of the alkali-soluble resin (a). When the amount is smaller than 1 part by weight, the crosslinking density lowers and the obtained insulating film may be inferior in alkali resistance. When the amount is larger than 100 parts by weight, the alkali solubility of the whole composition becomes too high, thereby readily causing such a problem as a decline in the film retention rate after development.

The epoxy resin used in the present invention is preferably, for example, a phenol novolak epoxy resin, cresol novolak epoxy resin, bisphenol A epoxy resin, bisphenol F epoxy resin, alicyclic epoxy resin or aliphatic polyglycidyl ether. The following commercially available products of the epoxy resin may be used.

Commercially available products of the phenol novolak epoxy resin include Epicoat 152 and 154 (of Yuka Shell Epoxy Co., Ltd.) and EPPN 201 and 202 (of Nippon Kayaku Co., Ltd.).

Commercially available products of the cresol novolak epoxy resin include EOCN-102, 103S, 104S, 1020, 1025 and 1027 (of Nippon Kayaku Co., Ltd.) and Epicoat 180S75 (of Yuka Shell Epoxy Co., Ltd.).

Commercially available products of the bisphenol A epoxy resin include Epicoat 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1007, 1009, 1010 and 828 (of Yuka Shell Epoxy Co., Ltd.).

Commercially available products of the bisphenol F epoxy resin include Epicoat 807 (of Yuka Shell Epoxy Co., Ltd.).

Commercially available products of the alicyclic epoxy resin include CY-175, 177 and 179 (of Ciba-Geigy Co., Ltd.), ERL-4234, 4299, 4221 and 4206 (of U.U.C. Co., Ltd.), Showdyne 509 (of Showa Denko K.K.), Aldalite CY-182, 192 and 184 (of Ciba-Geigy Co., Ltd.), Epiclone 200 and 400 (of Dainippon Ink & Chemicals, Inc.), Epicoat 871 and 872 (of Yuka Shell Epoxy Co., Ltd.), and ED-5661 and 5662 (of Ceranees Coating Co., Ltd.).

Commercially available products of the aliphatic polyglycidyl ether include Epolite 100MF, 200E and 400E (of Kyoeisha Yushi Kagaku Kogyo Co., Ltd.) and Epiol TMP (of NOF Corporation).

They may be used in combination of two or more.

The amount of the epoxy resin is preferably 1 to 100 parts by weight, more preferably 5 to 50 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of the alkali-soluble resin (a).

Other additives

The radiation sensitive resin composition of the present invention may contain other additives in limits not prejudicial to the object of the present invention. The other
5 additives include, for example, a sensitizer, surfactant, adhesion aid, keeping stabilizer and defoamer.

The above sensitizer may be blended to improve the radiation sensitivity of the radiation sensitive composition of the present invention. Examples of the sensitizer include
10 2H-pyrido-(3,2-b)-1,4-oxazin-3(4H)-ones, 10H-pyrido-(3,2-b)-(1,4)-benzothiazines, urazols, hydantoins, barbituric acid, glycine anhydrides, 1-hydroxybenzotriazoles, alloxans and maleimides. The amount of the sensitizer is preferably 100 parts or less by
15 weight, more preferably 1 to 50 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of the 1,2-quinonediazide compound (b).

The above surfactant may be blended to improve coatability, for example, striation and the developability of an exposed portion after the formation of a dry coating
20 film.

Examples of the surfactant include nonionic surfactants such as polyoxyethylene alkyl ethers including polyoxyethylene lauryl ether, polyoxyethylene stearyl ether and polyoxyethylene oleyl ether, polyoxyethylene aryl ethers
25 including polyoxyethylene octylphenyl ether and polyoxyethylene nonylphenyl ether, and polyethylene glycol dialkyl esters including polyethylene glycol dilaurate and polyethylene glycol distearate; fluorine-containing surfactants such as F Top EF301, 303 and 352 (of Shin Akita
30 Kasei Co., Ltd.), Megafac F171, 172 and 173 (of Dainippon Ink and Chemicals, Inc.), Florade FC430 and 431 (of Sumitomo 3M, Ltd.), Asahi Guard AG710 and Surflon S-382, SC-101, 102, 103, 104, 105 and 106 (of Asahi Glass Co., Ltd.); and organosiloxane polymer KP341 (of Shin-Etsu Chemical Co., Ltd.)

and acrylic acid or methacrylic acid (co)polymer Polyflow No. 57 and 95 (of Kyoeisha Kagaku Co., Ltd.). The amount of the surfactant is preferably 2 parts or less by weight, more preferably 1 part or less by weight based on the solids content
5 of the composition.

The above adhesion aid may be used to improve adhesion between an insulating film formed from the radiation sensitive composition of the present invention and a substrate.

The adhesion aid is preferably a functional silane
10 coupling agent such as a silane coupling agent having a reactive substituent such as a carboxyl group, methacryloyl group, isocyanate group or epoxy group. Specific examples of the adhesion aid include trimethoxysilylbenzoic acid,
 γ -methacryloxypropyl trimethoxysilane,
15 vinyltriacetoxysilane, vinyltrimethoxysilane, γ -isocyanate propyltriethoxysilane, γ -glycidoxypropyl trimethoxysilane and β -(3,4-epoxycyclohexyl)ethyltrimethoxysilane. The amount of the above surfactant is preferably 15 parts or less by weight, more preferably 10 parts or less by weight based
20 on 100 parts by weight of the solids content of the composition.

The radiation sensitive resin composition of the present invention is generally dissolved in a solvent before use.

The solvent used for the preparation of the radiation sensitive resin composition of the present invention dissolves
25 the above alkali-soluble resin (a), 1,2-quinoneazide compound (b), basic nitrogen-containing compound (c) and a melamine, epoxy resin and other additives optionally added (d) and does not react with these components.

Examples of the solvent used to prepare the radiation
30 sensitive resin composition of the present invention include glycol ethers such as ethylene glycol monomethyl ether and ethylene glycol monoethyl ether; ethylene glycol alkylether acetates such as methyl cellosolve acetate and ethyl cellosolve acetate; diethylene glycol alkyl ethers such as

diethylene glycol monomethyl ether and diethylene glycol monoethyl ether; propylene glycol alkyl ether acetates such as propylene glycol methyl ether acetate, propylene glycol ethyl ether acetate and propylene glycol propyl ether acetate; 5 aromatic hydrocarbons such as toluene and xylene; ketones such as methyl ethyl ketone, cyclohexanone, 2-heptanone and methyl isobutyl ketone; and esters such as methyl 2-hydroxypropionate, ethyl 2-hydroxypropionate, ethyl 2-hydroxy-2-methylpropionate, ethyl 10 2-hydroxy-2-methylpropionate, ethyl ethoxyacetate, ethyl oxyacetate, methyl 2-hydroxy-3-methylbutanoate, 3-methyl-3-methoxybutylacetate, 3-methyl-3-methoxybutylpropionate, 3-methyl-3-methoxybutylbutyrate, ethyl acetate, butyl 15 acetate, methyl 3-methoxypropionate, ethyl 3-methoxypropionate and butyl 3-methoxypropionate.

Out of these solvents, glycol ethers, ethylene glycol alkyl ether acetates, propylene glycol alkyl ether acetates, esters and diethylene glycols are preferred from the 20 viewpoints of solubility, reactivity with each component and ease of forming a coating film.

These solvents may be used alone or in admixture.

Further, a high-boiling solvent may be used as required, as exemplified by benzyl ethyl ether, dihexyl ether, 25 diethylene glycol monomethyl ether, diethylene glycol monoethyl ether, diethylene glycol monobutyl ether, acetonyl acetone, isophorone, caproic acid, caprylic acid, 1-octanol, 1-nonanol, benzyl alcohol, benzyl acetate, ethyl benzoate, diethyl oxalate, diethyl maleate, γ -butyrolactone, ethylene 30 carbonate, propylene carbonate, phenyl cellosolve acetate and carbitol acetate.

The radiation sensitive resin composition of the present invention is prepared by using the above solvent. Although the radiation sensitive resin composition may have a suitable

solids content according to its application purpose, the solids content may be, for example, 20 to 40 wt%.

The composition solution prepared as described above is filtered with a Millipore filter having an opening diameter
5 of about 0.2 μm , preferably about 0.1 μm , before use.

The first composition of the present invention is used to form an insulating film for an organic EL display element.

A description is subsequently given of the second composition of the present invention.

10 The second composition contains (a') an alkali-soluble resin having an epoxy group and (b) a 1,2-quinonediazide compound.

(a') alkali-soluble resin having an epoxy group

The second composition of the present invention contains
15 (a') an alkali-soluble resin having an epoxy group, has suitable solubility in an alkaline developer and can be easily cured by heating without using a special curing agent.

The alkali-soluble resin having an epoxy group (a') used in the present invention is not particularly limited if it
20 has an epoxy group and has alkali solubility. It may be, for example, a copolymer obtained by copolymerizing (1a') an unsaturated monomer having an epoxy group, (2a') at least one monomer selected from an unsaturated carboxylic acid, unsaturated carboxylic anhydride and unsaturated monomer
25 having a phenolic hydroxyl group and (3a') an olefinic unsaturated compound other than (1a') and (2a').

Examples of the unsaturated monomer having an epoxy group (1a') include (meth)acrylates having an epoxy group such as glycidyl (meth)acrylate, β -methylglycidyl (meth)acrylate,
30 β -ethylglycidyl (meth)acrylate, β -propylglycidyl (meth)acrylate, glycidyl α -ethylacrylate, β -methylglycidyl α -ethylacrylate, 3-methyl-3,4-epoxybutyl (meth)acrylate, 3-ethyl-3,4-epoxybutyl (meth)acrylate, 4-methyl-4,5-epoxypentyl (meth)acrylate and

- 5-methyl-5,6-epoxyhexyl (meth)acrylate; styrene derivatives having an epoxy group such as o-vinylbenzylglycidyl ether, m-vinylbenzylglycidyl ether, p-vinylbenzylglycidyl ether, α -methyl-o-vinylbenzylglycidyl ether,
- 5 α -methyl-m-vinylbenzylglycidyl ether and α -methyl-p-vinylbenzylglycidyl ether; styrene derivatives having two epoxy groups such as
- 2,3-diglycidyloxymethylstyrene,
- 2,4-diglycidyloxymethylstyrene,
- 10 2,5-diglycidyloxymethylstyrene and 2,6-diglycidyloxymethylstyrene; and styrene derivatives having three epoxy groups such as
- 2,3,4-triglycidyloxymethylstyrene,
- 2,3,5-triglycidyloxymethylstyrene,
- 15 2,3,6-triglycidyloxymethylstyrene, 3,4,5-triglycidyloxymethylstyrene and 2,4,6-triglycidyloxymethylstyrene.

Out of these, glycidyl (meth)acrylate, β -methylglycidyl (meth)acrylate, o-vinylbenzylglycidyl

20 ether, m-vinylbenzylglycidyl ether and p-vinylbenzylglycidyl ether are preferred from the viewpoints of the transparency, developability and solvent resistance of the obtained insulating film.

They may be used alone or in combination of two or more.

25 The amount of the unsaturated monomer having an epoxy group (1a') is preferably 20 to 90 wt%, more preferably 30 to 80 wt%, particularly preferably 40 to 70 wt%.

When the amount is smaller than 20 wt%, resistance to a remover used for the wet etching of an ITO electrode may

30 become unsatisfactory and when the amount is larger than 90 wt%, solubility in an alkaline developer may become too low, thereby causing a problem with developability.

Preferred examples of the at least one monomer selected from an unsaturated carboxylic acid, unsaturated carboxylic

anhydride and unsaturated monomer having a phenolic hydroxyl group (2a') include hydroxystyrenes such as o-hydroxystyrene, m-hydroxystyrene, p-hydroxystyrene and alkyl, alkoxy, halogen, haloalkyl, nitro, cyano, amide, ester and carboxy substituted products thereof; polyhydroxyvinyl phenols such as vinylhydroquinone, 5-vinylpyrogallol, 6-vinylpyrogallol and 1-vinylphloroglucinol; vinylbenzoic acids such as o-vinylbenzoic acid, m-vinylbenzoic acid, p-vinylbenzoic acid and alkyl, alkoxy, halogen, nitro, cyano, amide and ester substituted products thereof; (meth)acrylic acids such as methacrylic acid, acrylic acid and α -position haloalkyl, alkoxy, halogen, nitro and cyano substituted products thereof; and divalent unsaturated carboxylic acids such as maleic acid, maleic anhydride, fumaric acid, citraconic acid, mesaconic acid, itaconic acid and 1,4-cyclohexenedicarboxylic acid, and methyl, ethyl, propyl, i-propyl, n-butyl, sec-butyl, ter-butyl, phenyl, o-, m- and p-toluy l half esters and half amides thereof.

Out of these, (meth)acrylic acid, maleic anhydride and fumaric acid are particularly preferred from the viewpoint of developability.

They may be used alone or in combination of two or more.

The amount of the monomer (2a') is preferably 3 to 45 wt%, more preferably 6 to 30 wt%, much more preferably 10 to 25 wt%.

When the amount is smaller than 3 wt%, developability in an alkali developer may become too low and when the amount is larger than 45 wt%, not only the exposed portion but also the unexposed portion of the obtained radiation sensitive resin composition may have solubility in an alkali developer, thereby making it impossible to form a pattern.

Examples of the olefinic unsaturated compound (3a') other than (1a') and (2a') include alkyl methacrylates such as methyl methacrylate, ethyl methacrylate, n-butyl

methacrylate, sec-butyl methacrylate and t-butyl methacrylate; alkyl acrylates such as methyl acrylate and isopropyl acrylate; cyclic alkyl methacrylates such as cyclohexyl methacrylate, 2-methylcyclohexyl methacrylate, 5 tricyclo[5.2.1.0^{2,6}]decane-8-yl methacrylate (commonly called "dicyclopentanyl methacrylate" in this technical field), dicyclopentanyloxyethyl methacrylate and isobornyl methacrylate; cyclic alkyl acrylates such as cyclohexyl acrylate, 2-methylcyclohexyl acrylate, 10 tricyclo[5.2.1.0^{2,6}]decane-8-yl acrylate (commonly called "dicyclopentanyl acrylate" in this technical field), dicyclopentanyloxyethyl acrylate and isobornyl acrylate; aryl methacrylates such as phenyl methacrylate and benzyl methacrylate; aryl acrylates such as phenyl acrylate and 15 benzyl acrylate; dicarboxylic acid diesters such as diethyl maleate, diethyl fumarate and diethyl itaconate; hydroxyalkyl esters such as 2-hydroxyethyl methacrylate and 2-hydroxypropyl methacrylate; styrene, α -methylstyrene, m-methylstyrene, p-methylstyrene, vinyltoluene, 20 p-methoxystyrene, acrylonitrile, methacrylonitrile, vinyl chloride, vinylidene chloride, acrylamide, methacrylamide, vinyl acetate, 1,3-butadiene, isoprene, 2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene, phenyl maleimide, ethylene glycol diacrylate, diethylene glycol diacrylate, triethylene glycol diacrylate, neopentyl glycol diacrylate, glycerol 25 diacrylate, ethylene glycol dimethacrylate, diethylene glycol dimethacrylate, triethylene glycol dimethacrylate, neopentyl glycol dimethacrylate and glycerol dimethacrylate.

Out of these, styrene, butadiene, n-propyl acrylate, 30 tricyclo[5.2.1.0^{2,6}]decane-8-yl acrylate, methyl methacrylate, 2-hydroxyethyl methacrylate and n-butyl methacrylate are preferred from the viewpoints of developability and the transparency of the obtained insulating film.

They may be used alone or in combination.

The amount of the monomer (3a') is preferably 2 to 80 wt%, more preferably 5 to 60 wt%, much more preferably 10 to 40 wt%.

5 The solvent and polymerization initiator used to copolymerize the above components (1a'), (2a') and (3a') may be the same as those listed for the polymer of an unsaturated monomer having an acid group used in the first composition.

10 To copolymerize the above components (1a'), (2a') and (3a'), a molecular weight modifier for adjusting the molecular weight may be used. Examples of the molecular weight modifier include hydrocarbon halides such as chloroform and carbon tetrabromide; mercaptans such as n-hexylmercaptan, n-octylmercaptan, n-dodecylmercaptan,
15 tert-dodecylmercaptan and thioglycolic acid; xanthogens such as dimethylxanthogen sulfide and diisopropylxanthogen disulfide; terpinolene and α -methylstyrene dimer.

20 The weight average molecular weight in terms of polystyrene (Mw) of the alkali-soluble resin having an epoxy group (a') is preferably 2,000 to 100,000, more preferably 3,000 to 50,000, particularly preferably 5,000 to 30,000. Within the above range, there can be provided a radiation sensitive resin composition having good balance among pattern shape, resolution, developability and heat resistance and
25 good balance between developability and sensitivity.

30 When the weight average molecular weight is higher than 100,000, it may be difficult to apply the composition to a wafer uniformly, and developability and sensitivity may deteriorate. When the weight average molecular weight is lower than 2,000, not only the exposed portion but also the unexposed portion may exhibit solubility in an alkali developer, thereby making it impossible to form a pattern.

 The component (a') may be synthesized by introducing a protective group into the carboxyl group or phenolic hydroxyl

group of the above monomer (2a') before copolymerization and removing the protective group after copolymerization to provide alkali solubility.

5 The insulting film obtained from the composition of the present invention has sufficiently high transparency but the visible light transparency of the film can be further improved by hydrogenating the component (a') synthesized as described above. The softening point can also be changed by this treatment.

10 Examples of the 1,2-quinonediazide compound used in the second composition are the same as those listed for the 1,2-quinonediazide compound used in the first composition.

The above 1,2-quinonediazide compounds may be used alone or in combination of two or more.

15 The amount of the 1,2-quinonediazide compound (b) is preferably 5 to 100 parts by weight, more preferably 10 to 50 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of the alkali-soluble resin having an epoxy group (a'). When the amount is smaller than 5 parts by weight, patterning may be
20 difficult and when the amount is larger than 100 parts by weight, development with an aqueous alkaline solution developer may be difficult.

The second composition of the present invention may contain other additives in limits not prejudicial to the object
25 of the present invention. The additives include a sensitizer, surfactant, adhesion aid, keeping stabilizer and defoamer.

Examples of these additives are the same as those listed for the first composition.

30 The second composition is dissolved in the same solvent as that for the first composition. The second composition may have a suitable solids content according to its application purpose and the solids content may be, for example, 20 to 40 wt%.

The composition solution prepared as described above

is filtered with a Millipore filter having an opening diameter of about 0.2 μm , preferably about 0.1 μm , before use.

method of forming an insulating film for an organic EL display element

5 An insulating film for an organic EL display element can be formed from the radiation sensitive resin composition of the present invention as follows, for example.

 The radiation sensitive resin composition of the present invention is applied to the surface of a base substrate and
10 prebaked to remove the solvent in order to form a coating film. The application method can be suitably selected from spraying, roll coating, rotary coating and bar coating.

 As for prebaking conditions which differ according to the type and amount of each component, the coating film is
15 the most preferably prebaked at 60 to 110°C for 0.5 to 15 minutes.

 The thickness of the film after prebaking can be adjusted to a desired value according to the solids content and application conditions of the radiation sensitive composition,
20 for example, 0.25 to 4 μm .

 Thereafter, the formed coating film is exposed to radiation through a predetermined pattern mask. The radiation used for exposure is ultraviolet ray such as g-line having a wavelength of 436 nm and i-line having a wavelength
25 of 365 nm, deep ultraviolet ray such as KrF excimer laser beams, X-ray such as synchrotron radiation or charged corpuscular beams such as electron beams. Out of these, g-line and i-line are preferred.

 After exposure to radiation, a desired pattern can be
30 obtained by developing with a developer to remove an exposed portion. The developer is preferably an alkali aqueous solution prepared by dissolving in water an inorganic alkali such as sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide, sodium carbonate, sodium silicate, sodium metasilicate or ammonia

water; primary amine such as ethylamine or n-propylamine; secondary amine such as diethylamine or di-n-propylamine; tertiary amine such as triethylamine or methyldiethylamine; alcohol amine such as dimethylethanolamine or triethanolamine; quaternary ammonium salt such as tetramethylammoniumhydroxide, tetraethylammoniumhydroxide or choline; or cyclic amine such as pyrrole, piperidine, 1,8-diazabicyclo-(5.4.0)-7-undecene or 1,5-diazabicyclo-(4.3.0)-5-nonane. The developer may contain a water-soluble organic solvent such as an alcohol exemplified by methanol and ethanol, or a surfactant in a suitable amount. Further, an organic solvent which dissolves the composition of the present invention may be used as the developer.

15 The development method is, for example, puddle development, dipping or shaking immersion.

After development, the patterned film may be rinsed with running water.

20 The entire surface of the film may be further exposed to radiation from a high-pressure mercury lamp to decompose the residual 1,2-quinonediazide compound contained in the film.

25 Thereafter, this film is heated with a heater such as a hot plate or oven to be cured. The heating temperature for curing is, for example, 150 to 250°C and the heating time is 5 to 30 minutes when the film is baked on a hot plate and 30 to 90 minutes when it is baked in an oven.

production of organic EL element

30 The organic EL element of the present invention comprises the insulating film formed as described above.

The organic EL element of the present invention is produced from the first composition as follows, for example.

A transparent electrode such as an ITO electrode is formed on a glass substrate by sputtering and a positive type

photoresist pattern is formed on the electrode. Thereafter, the ITO film is etched with a hydrochloric acid-based etchant and the resist film is removed to form a transparent electrode pattern such as a striped pattern. An insulating film pattern
5 is formed from the first composition of the present invention on the substrate having this transparent electrode pattern as described above. Thereafter, an electron transport layer, inversely tapered cathode partitions, electron hole transport layer, organic EL emitting layer and cathode layer are formed
10 on this insulating film pattern sequentially.

An organic EL element is produced from the second composition as follows, for example.

A drive terminal is formed on a substrate such as a glass substrate and an insulating film is formed from the second
15 composition of the present invention on the terminal as described above. A transparent electrode such as an ITO electrode (hole injection electrode) is formed on the insulating film by sputtering and a pattern is formed by wet etching.

20 An electron hole transport layer, organic EL layer, electron transport layer and electron injection electrode are formed on the electrode by deposition sequentially.

In the above both cases, the electron hole transport layer is made from a phthalocyanine-based material such as
25 CuPc or H₂Pc, or an aromatic amine. A low molecular organic EL material produced by doping a substrate made from Alq₃ or BeBq₃ with quinacridone or coumarin, or a high molecular organic EL material such as a polyphenylene-based or fluorene-based material is used as an organic EL emissive
30 material. Further, Mg-Al, Al-Li, Al-Li₂O or Al-LiF is used as a cathode material.

Thereafter, a hollow stainless steel can and the above substrate are sealed with a sealer such as an epoxy resin and assembled together into a module as an organic EL element.

Since the organic EL emitting layer is generally formed by deposition when a low molecular organic EL material is used as the above organic EL emissive material, the first composition of the present invention may be preferably used
5 as a composition for forming an insulating film for use in this organic EL display element.

Since the organic EL emitting layer is generally formed by dissolving an organic EL emissive material in a solvent and applying the solution when a high molecular organic EL
10 material is used as the above organic EL emissive material, the first composition which contains (d) at least one compound selected from a melamine compound and an epoxy compound or a combination of (c) a nitrogen-containing basic compound and (d) at least one compound selected from a melamine compound
15 and an epoxy compound is preferably used as a composition for forming an insulating film for use in this organic EL display element.

Examples

20 The following examples are provided for the purpose of further illustrating the present invention but are in no way to be taken as limiting. The molecular weight measured hereinafter is a weight average molecular weight in terms of polystyrene measured by the GPC chromatograph HLC-8020
25 of Tosoh Corporation.

Synthesis Example 1 of alkali-soluble resin (novolak resin)

After 57 g (0.6 mol) of metacresol, 38 g (0.4 mol) of paracresol, 75.5 g of a 37 wt% aqueous solution of formaldehyde (corresponding to 0.93 mol of formaldehyde), 0.95 g (0.005
30 mol) of p-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate and 264 g of methylisobutyl ketone were fed to a 1-liter stainless steel (SUS316L) flask equipped with a cooling tube, stirrer and thermometer, the flask was immersed in an oil bath to carry out polycondensation under agitation at 130°C for 4 hours

while the reaction solution was refluxed.

The temperature of the oil bath was then elevated to 180° C over 3 hours, the inside pressure of the flask was reduced to 30 mmHg to remove volatile matter, and the molten resin was collected by cooling to room temperature. After this resin was dissolved in ethyl acetate to a resin content of 30 %, methanol and water were added to this solution in amounts 1.3 times and 0.9 time the weight of the solution, respectively, stirred and left.

10 The solution was separated into two layers and the lower layer was taken out, concentrated and dried to collect a resin 1. This resin 1 had a weight average molecular weight (Mw) of 8,000.

Synthesis Example 2 of alkali-soluble resin (novolak resin)

15 After 76 g (0.8 mol) of metacresol, 13.9 g (0.12 mol) of 2,3-xyleneol, 9.3 g (0.08 mol) of 3,4-xyleneol, 78 g of a 37 wt% aqueous solution of formaldehyde (corresponding to 0.96 mol of formaldehyde), 0.95 g (0.005 mol) of p-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate and 264 g of methylisobutyl ketone were fed to a 1-liter stainless steel (SUS316L) flask equipped with a cooling tube, stirrer and thermometer, the flask was immersed in an oil bath to carry out polycondensation under agitation for 4 hours while the reaction solution was refluxed.

25 The temperature of the oil bath was then elevated to 180° C over 3 hours, the inside pressure of the flask was reduced to 30 mmHg to remove volatile matter, and the molten resin was collected by cooling to room temperature. After this resin was dissolved in ethyl acetate to a resin content of 30 %, methanol and water were added to this solution in amounts 1.3 times and 0.9 time the weight of the solution, respectively, stirred and left.

The solution was separated into two layers and the lower layer was taken out, concentrated and dried to collect a resin

2. This resin 2 had a weight average molecular weight (Mw) of 7,500.

Synthesis Example 3 of alkali-soluble resin (novolak resin)

After 54.07 g (0.50 mol) of metacresol, 54.07 g (0.50
5 mol) of paracresol, 71 g of a 37 wt% aqueous solution of formaldehyde (corresponding to 0.88 mol of formaldehyde) and 6.3 g (0.05 mol) of oxalic acid dihydrate were fed to a 1-liter flask equipped with a stirrer and thermometer, the flask was immersed in an oil bath to carry out a polycondensation reaction
10 for 120 minutes under agitation while the inside temperature of the flask was maintained at 100° C. After the temperature of the oil bath was elevated to 180° C and the inside pressure of the flask was reduced to 30 mmHg to remove volatile matter, the molten resin 3 was collected by cooling to room temperature.
15 The resin 3 had a weight average molecular weight (Mw) of 8,800.

Synthesis Example 4 of alkali-soluble resin

After 95.0 g of p-tert-butoxystyrene, 5.0 g of styrene, 10.0 g of 2,2'-azobisisobutyronitrile and 100.0 g of dioxane
20 were fed to a separable flask equipped with a stirrer, cooling tube, nitrogen introduction tube and thermometer and purged with nitrogen for 30 minutes, the flask was immersed in an oil bath to carry out polymerization for 5 hours under agitation while the inside temperature of the flask was maintained at
25 80° C. 60 g of a 7.2 % aqueous solution of hydrochloric acid was added to the obtained resin solution, heated at 80° C and stirred for 3 hours to hydrolyze a tert-butoxy group so as to convert it into a hydroxyl group. The reaction mixture was dissolved in acetone and the resulting solution was added
30 to 10 liters of a mixed solution of methanol and water (volume ratio of water to methanol = 8/2) in order to obtain a precipitate (this operation will be referred to as "re-precipitation" hereinafter). This re-precipitation was carried out twice to obtain a precipitate containing no

impurities. This precipitate was vacuum dried at 50°C for one night to obtain white resin powders (this resin will be referred to as "resin 4" hereinafter). The yield of the resin 4 was 95 %. The weight average molecular weight of the resin 4 was 1.01×10^4 .

Synthesis Example 5 of alkali-soluble resin

An alkali-soluble resin (to be referred to as "resin 5" hereinafter) was synthesized in the same manner as in Synthesis Example 4 except that 100.0 g of p-tert-butoxystyrene, 10.0 g of 2,2'-azobisisobutyronitrile and 100.0 g of dioxane were fed to a similar separable flask to that of Synthesis Example 4.

The yield of the obtained resin 5 was 95 % and the weight average molecular weight of the resin 5 was 2.21×10^4 .

Synthesis Example 6 of alkali-soluble resin

An alkali-soluble resin (to be referred to as "resin 6" hereinafter) was synthesized in the same manner as in Synthesis Example 4 except that 95.0 g of p-tert-butoxystyrene, 5.0 g of phenyl methacrylate, 10.0 g of 2,2'-azobisisobutyronitrile and 100.0 g of dioxane were fed to a similar separable flask to that of Synthesis Example 4.

The yield of the obtained resin 6 was 94 % and the weight average molecular weight of the resin 6 was 2.30×10^4 .

Synthesis Example 7 of alkali-soluble resin

After 7.5 g of butadiene, 20.0 g of methacrylic acid, 22.5 g of dicyclopentanyl methacrylate, 50.0 g of glycidyl methacrylate, 4.0 g of 2,2'-azobisisobutyronitrile and 250.0 g of diethylene glycol dimethyl ether were fed to a similar separable flask to that of Synthesis Example 4 and purged with nitrogen for 30 minutes, the separable flask was immersed in an oil bath to carry out polymerization under agitation for 4 hours while the inside temperature of the flask was maintained at 80°C to obtain a solution containing a resin

7. The obtained solution of the resin 7 had a solids content of 30 %. The resin 7 had a weight average molecular weight in terms of polystyrene of 2.02×10^4 .

Synthesis Example 8 of alkali-soluble resin

5 A solution containing a resin 8 was obtained in the same manner as in Synthesis Example 7 except that 7.5 g of styrene, 20.0 g of methacrylic acid, 22.5 g of dicyclopentanyl methacrylate, 50.0 g of glycidyl methacrylate, 4.0 g of 2,2'-azobisisobutyronitrile and 250.0 g of diethylene glycol
10 dimethyl ether were fed to a similar separable flask to that of Synthesis Example 4. The obtained resin 8 had a solids content of 30 %. The resin 8 had a weight average molecular weight in terms of polystyrene of 2.13×10^4 .

Synthesis Example 9 of alkali-soluble resin

15 White resin powders (this resin will be referred to as "resin 9" hereinafter) were obtained in the same manner as in Synthesis Example 4 except that 100.0 g of p-tert-butoxystyrene, 2.0 g of 2,2'-azobisisobutyronitrile and 100.0 g of dioxane were fed to a similar separable flask
20 to that of Synthesis Example 4. The yield of the obtained resin 9 was 95 % and the molecular weight thereof was 3.45×10^4 .

Synthesis Example 10 of alkali-soluble resin

25 Light yellow resin powders (this resin will be referred to as "resin 10" hereinafter) were obtained in the same manner as in Synthesis Example 4 except that 100.0 g of p-tert-butoxystyrene, 15.0 g of 2,2'-azobisisobutyronitrile and 200.0 g of dioxane were fed to a similar separable flask to that of Synthesis Example 4. The yield of the obtained
30 resin 10 was 94 % and the molecular weight thereof was 1.81×10^3 .

Synthesis Example 11 of alkali-soluble resin having an epoxy group

After 50.0 g of glycidyl methacrylate as the monomer

(1a'), 20.0 g of methacrylic acid as the monomer (2a'), 7.5 g of butadiene and 22.5 g of tricyclo[5.2.1.0^{2,6}]decane-8-yl methacrylate as the components (3a'), 250.0 g of diethylene glycol dimethyl ether as a solvent and 4.0 g of

5 2,2'-azobisbutyronitrile as a polymerization initiator were fed to a 1-liter separable flask equipped with a stirrer and a thermometer and purged with nitrogen for 30 minutes, the separable flask was immersed in an oil bath to carry out polymerization under agitation for 3.5 hours while the inside
10 temperature was maintained at 80°C to obtain a solution containing a resin 11. The obtained solution containing the resin 11 had a solids content of 30 wt%. The weight average molecular weight in terms of polystyrene of the resin 11 was 2.1×10^4 .

15 Synthesis Example 12 of alkali-soluble resin having an epoxy group

A solution containing a resin 12 was obtained in the same manner as in Synthesis Example 11 except that 28.0 g of o-vinylbenzylglycidyl ether and 40.0 g of glycidyl
20 methacrylate as the monomers (1a'), 22.0 g of methacrylic acid as the monomer (2a') and 10.0 g of styrene as the monomer (3a') were used. The solution containing the resin 12 had a solids content of 30 wt%. The weight average molecular weight in terms of polystyrene of the resin 12 was 1.7×10^4 .

25 Synthesis Example 13 of alkali-soluble resin having an epoxy group

A solution containing a resin 13 was obtained in the same manner as in Synthesis Example 11 except that 21.0 g of o-vinylbenzylglycidyl ether and 25.0 g of glycidyl
30 methacrylate as the monomers (1a'), 18.0 g of methacrylic acid as the monomer (2a'), and 10.0 g of styrene and 26.0 g of n-propyl acrylate as the monomers (3a') were used. The solution containing the resin 13 had a solids content of 30 wt%. The weight average molecular weight in terms of

polystyrene of the resin 13 was 1.5×10^4 .

Example 1

preparation of radiation sensitive resin composition containing components (a) and (b)

5 100 parts by weight of the resin 1 obtained in Synthesis
Example 1 as the component (a) and 30 parts by weight of a
condensate (1,1,3-tris(2,5-dimethyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-
phenylpropane-1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonate) of
1,1,3-tris(2,5-dimethyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-phenylpropane
10 (1.0 mol) and 1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonic acid
chloride (1.9 mols) as the component (b) were mixed together,
the obtained mixture was diluted with and dissolved in methyl
3-methoxypropionate to a solids content of 30 wt%, and the
resulting solution was filtered with a membrane filter having
15 an opening diameter of 0.2 μm to prepare a composition solution.

(1) evaluation of radiation sensitivity

The composition solution prepared above was applied to
the surface of a glass substrate with a spin coater to a film
thickness of 1.0 μm and pre-baked on a hot plate at 80°C for
20 1.5 minutes. Thereafter, the formed coating film was exposed
to radiation through a 30 μm line-and-space pattern mask using
the NSR1755i7A reduction projection exposure tool ($\text{NA} = 0.50$,
 $\lambda = 365 \text{ nm}$) of Nikon Corporation and developed with an aqueous
solution of tetramethylammonium hydroxide at 25°C for 1 minute.
25 The film was then washed with running water and dried to form
a pattern on the wafer in order to find the minimum amount
of exposure with which a 30 μm pattern could be formed. This
value is shown in Table 1. When this value is 200 mJ/cm^2 or
less, it can be said that radiation sensitivity is
30 satisfactory.

(2) formation of patterned thin film

The composition solution prepared above was applied to
the surface of a glass substrate to a film thickness of 1.0
 μm with a spin coater and pre-baked on a hot plate at 80°C

for 1.5 minutes. Thereafter, the coating film was exposed to radiation through a predetermined pattern mask using the NSR1755i7A reduction projection exposure tool (NA = 0.50, λ = 365 nm) of Nikon Corporation. The amount of exposure at this point was set to the minimum amount with which a 30 μ m pattern could be formed, measured in (1) above. Thereafter, the coating film was developed with an aqueous solution of tetramethylammonium hydroxide at 25° C for 1 minute. The film was then washed with running water and dried to form a pattern on the wafer. Thereafter, the pattern was exposed to 300 mJ/cm² of ultraviolet radiation which was g-hi mixed-rays using the Aligner PLA501F of Canon Inc. and heated in an oven at 220° C for 60 minutes to form a patterned thin film.

(3) evaluation of sectional form

The sectional form of the above patterned thin film was observed by a scanning electron microscope (S-4200 of Hitachi, Ltd.) to measure the tapered angle of the sectional form (angle formed by the bottom side and the tangent of the edge portion of the sectional form of the pattern, the same shall apply hereinafter). The result is shown in Table 1. When this value is 50° or less, it can be said that the sectional form of the pattern is satisfactory.

(4) existence of the residue after development

A patterned thin film was formed on a glass substrate having an ITO film deposited thereon in the same manner as in (2) to check the existence of the residue after development by the following two methods.

(1) Visual observation using a green lamp (of Funatec Co., Ltd.)

(2) Observation at a magnification of X40,000 using a scanning electron microscope (S-4200 of Hitachi, Ltd.)

The observation results are shown in Table 1.

(5) water permeability

The above composition solution was applied to a 25 μ m

thick polyimide sheet to a film thickness of 10 μm with a spinner, pre-baked at 80°C for 1.5 minutes and heated at 220°C for 60 minutes to form a cured film on the polyimide sheet. An aluminum cup containing 15 g of distilled water was covered
 5 with this film to seal it up. This was placed in a thermostatic oven heated at 50°C to measure a reduction in the weight of the cup after 150 hours in order to calculate water permeability per unit area. The result is shown in Table 1. When this value is 500 g/cm² or less, it can be said that water permeability
 10 is sufficiently low.

(6) existence of non-emitting portion

An organic EL panel for evaluation was prepared and a lighting test was made on this panel at a screen brightness of 100 cd/m² {(Red: 100 + Green : 200 + Blue: 100) cd/m² +
 15 $3 \times 0.7 \doteq 100 \text{ cd/m}^2$ } to check the existence of a non-emitting portion with the eye. The result is shown in Table 1.

(7) luminance half-life period

An organic EL panel for evaluation was prepared and a lightening promotion test was made on this panel at a screen
 20 brightness of 100 cd/m² {(Red: 100 + Green: 200 + Blue: 100) cd/m² + $3 \times 0.7 \doteq 100 \text{ cd/m}^2$ } and a temperature of 105°C. The time elapsed until the screen brightness was halved is shown in Table 1. When this value is 400 hours or more, it can be said that luminance half-life period is satisfactory.

25 Examples 2 and 3

Composition solutions were prepared and evaluated in the same manner as in Example 1 except that the types and amounts of the components (a) and (b) were changed as shown in Table 1. The results are shown in Table 1.

Table 1

| component (a) | type (amount) | Ex. 1 | | Ex. 2 | | Ex. 3 | |
|---|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | | resin 1 (100) | resin 2 (100) | resin 3 (100) | compound (ii) (25) | compound (iii) (20) | compound (iii) (20) |
| component (b) | type (amount) | compound (i) (30) | compound (ii) (25) | compound (iii) (20) | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| radiation sensitivity (mJ/cm ²) | | 100 | 120 | 100 | 18° | 25° | 25° |
| sectional form (tapered angle) | | 21° | 18° | 25° | non-existent | non-existent | non-existent |
| existence of residue after development | | non-existent | non-existent | non-existent | 500 | 470 | 470 |
| water permeability (g/m ²) | | 450 | 500 | 470 | non-existent | non-existent | non-existent |
| existence of non-emitting portion | | non-existent | non-existent | non-existent | 500 | 600 | 600 |
| luminescence half-life period (h) | | 500 | 550 | 600 | | | |

Ex.: Example

The unit of the amount of each component is parts by weight. The compounds (i), (ii) and (iii) are the following compounds.

compound (i): condensate

5 (1,1,3-tris(2,5-dimethyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-phenylpropane-1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonate) of 1,3-tris(2,5-dimethyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-phenylpropane (1.0 mol) and 1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonic acid chloride (1.9 mols)

10 compound (ii): condensate

(4,4'-[1-[4-[1-[4-hydroxyphenyl]-1-methylethyl]phenyl]ethylidene]bisphenol-1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonate) of

4,4'-[1-[4-[1-[4-hydroxyphenyl]-1-methylethyl]phenyl]ethylidene]bisphenol (1.0 mol) and
15 1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonic acid chloride (2.0 mols)

compound (iii): condensate

(2,3,4-hydroxybenzophenone-1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonate) of 2,3,4-hydroxybenzophenone (1.0 mol) and
20 1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonic acid chloride (2.0 mols)

Example 4

preparation of radiation sensitive resin composition

25 containing components (a), (b) and (c)

100 parts by weight of the resin 3 obtained in Synthesis Example 3 as the component (a), 40 parts by weight of a condensate (1,1,3-tris(2,5-dimethyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-phenylpropane-1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonate) of
30 1,1,3-tris(2,5-dimethyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-phenylpropane (1.0 mol) and 1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonic acid chloride (1.9 mols) as the component (b) and 1 part by weight of N,N-dimethylpyridine as the component (c) were mixed together, the resulting mixture was diluted with and dissolved

in methyl 3-methoxypropionate to a solids content of 30 wt%, and the resulting solution was filtered with a membrane filter having an opening diameter of 0.2 μ m to prepare a composition solution.

5 The above composition solution was evaluated for radiation sensitivity, sectional form, existence of the residue after development, water permeability, existence of a non-emitting portion and luminance half-life period in the same manner as in Example 1. The results are shown in Table
10 2.

Examples 5 and 6

Composition solutions were prepared and evaluated in the same manner as in Example 4 except that the types and amounts of the components (a), (b) and (c) were changed as
15 shown in Table 2. The results are shown in Table 2.

Table 2

| component (a) | type (amount) | Ex. 4 | Ex. 5 | Ex. 6 |
|---|------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| | | resin 3 (100) | resin 1 (100) | resin 2 (100) |
| component (b) | type (amount) | compound (1) (40) | compound (11) (25) | compound (111) (19) |
| component (c) | type (amount) | compound A (1) | compound B (3) + compound D (1) | compound C (5) |
| radiation sensitivity (mJ/cm ²) | | 120 | 120 | 100 |
| sectional form (tapered angle) | | 12° | 15° | 10° |
| existence of residue after development | | non-existent | non-existent | non-existent |
| water permeability (g/m ²) | | 450 | 380 | 440 |
| existence of non-emitting portion | | non-existent | non-existent | non-existent |
| luminance half-life period (h) | | 700 | 600 | 650 |

Ex.: Example

In Table 2, the unit of the amount of each component is parts by weight. The compounds (i), (ii) and (iii) are the same as in Table 1 and compounds A, B, C and D are the following compounds.

- 5 compound A: N,N-dimethylpyridine
 compound B: triphenylamine
 compound C: triactylamine
 compound D: nicotinamide

Example 7

- 10 preparation of radiation sensitive resin composition
containing components (a), (b) and (d)

100 parts by weight of the resin 2 obtained in Synthesis Example 2 as the component (a), 30 parts by weight of a condensate (1,1,3-tris(2,5-dimethyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-phenylpropane-1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonate) of
 15 1,1,3-tris(2,5-dimethyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-phenylpropane (1.0 mol) and 1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonic acid chloride (1.9 mols) as the component (b) and 25 parts by weight of Cymel 300 (of Mitsui Cyanamid Co., Ltd.) as the component
 20 (d) were mixed together, the resulting mixture was diluted with and dissolved in methyl 3-methoxypropionate to a solids content of 30 wt%, and the resulting solution was filtered with a membrane filter having an opening diameter of 0.2 μ m to prepare a composition solution.

- 25 The procedure of Example 1 was repeated using the above composition solution to evaluate radiation sensitivity, sectional form, existence of the residue after development, water permeability, existence of a non-emitting portion and luminance half-life period. The results are shown in Table

30 3.

(8) evaluation of alkali resistance

The glass substrate having the patterned thin film formed thereon was immersed in a 1 % NaOH aqueous solution whose temperature was controlled to 25°C for 20 minutes. The ratio

of the film thicknesses before and after immersion (t_1/T_1)
x 100 [%] was calculated in which the film thickness before
immersion was represented by T_1 and the film thickness after
immersion was represented by t_1 . The result is shown in Table
5 3. When this value is 95 to 105 %, it can be said that alkali
resistance is satisfactory.

(9) evaluation of solvent resistance

The glass substrate having the patterned thin film formed
thereon was immersed in a mixed solution of dimethyl
10 sulfoxide/N-methylpyrrolidone (weight ratio of 70/30) whose
temperature was controlled to 25° C for 20 minutes. The ratio
of film thicknesses before and after immersion (t_2/T_2) x 100
(%) was calculated in which the film thickness before immersion
was represented by T_2 and the film thickness after immersion
15 was represented by t_2 . The result is shown in Table 3. When
this value is 95 to 105 %, it can be said that solvent resistance
is satisfactory.

(10) evaluation of heat resistance

The glass substrate having the patterned thin film formed
20 thereon was additionally baked at 220° C for 60 minutes. The
ratio of film thicknesses before and after additional baking
(t_3/T_3) x 100 (%) was calculated in which the film thickness
before additional baking was represented by T_3 and the film
thickness after additional baking was represented by t_3 . The
25 result is shown in Table 3. When this value is 95 to 105 %, it
can be said that heat resistance is satisfactory.

Examples 8 and 9

Composition solutions were prepared and evaluated in
the same manner as in Example 7 except that the types and
30 amounts of the components (a), (b) and (d) were changed as
shown in Table 3. The results are shown in Table 3.

Table 3

| component (a) | type (amount) | Ex. 7 | | Ex. 8 | | Ex. 9 | |
|---|------------------|---------------------------|--|------------------------|--|--------------------------|--|
| | | resin 2 (100) | | resin 3 (100) | | resin 1 (100) | |
| component (b) | type (amount) | compound (i) (30) | | compound (ii) (25) | | compound (iii) (16) | |
| component (c) | type (amount) | melamine α (25) | | epoxy α (15) | | melamine β (40) | |
| radiation sensitivity (mJ/cm ²) | | 120 | | 120 | | 100 | |
| sectional form (tapered angle) | | 9° | | 7° | | 10° | |
| alkali resistance (%) | | 101 | | 102 | | 102 | |
| solvent resistance (%) | | 103 | | 103 | | 101 | |
| heat resistance (%) | | 99 | | 99 | | 99 | |
| existence of residue after development | | non-existent | | non-existent | | non-existent | |
| water permeability (g/m ²) | | 430 | | 380 | | 340 | |
| existence of non-emitting portion | | non-existent | | non-existent | | non-existent | |
| luminance half-life period (h) | | 550 | | 650 | | 700 | |

Ex.: Example

In Table 3, the unit of the amount of each component is parts by weight, compounds (i), (ii) and (iii) are the same as in Table 1, and melamine α , melamine β and epoxy α are the following compounds.

- 5 melamine α : Cymel 300 of Mitsui Cyanamid Co., Ltd.
melamine β : Cymel 370 of Mitsui Cyanamid Co., Ltd.
epoxy α : Epicoat 152 of Yuka Shell Epoxy Co., Ltd.
Example 10

preparation of radiation sensitive resin composition

- 10 containing components (a), (b), (c) and (d)

100 parts by weight of the resin 1 obtained in Synthesis Example 1 as the component (a), 45 parts by weight of a condensate (1,1,3-tris(2,5-dimethyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-phenylpropane-1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonate) of
15 1,1,3-tris(2,5-dimethyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-phenylpropane (1.0 mol) and 1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonic acid chloride (1.9 mols) as the component (b), 5 parts by weight of nicotinamide as the component (c) and 30 parts by weight of Cymel 300 (of Mitsui Cyanamid Co., Ltd., melamine compound)
20 as the component (d) were mixed together, the resulting mixture was diluted with and dissolved in methyl 3-methoxypropionate to a solids content of 30 wt%, and the obtained solution was filtered with a membrane filter having an opening diameter of 0.2 μ m to prepare a composition solution.

25 The above composition solution was evaluated for radiation sensitivity, sectional form, existence of the residue after development, water permeability, alkali resistance, solvent resistance, heat resistance, existence of a non-emitting portion and luminance half-life period in
30 the same manner as in Example 7. The results are shown in Table 4.

Examples 11 and 12

Composition solutions were prepared and evaluated in the same manner as in Example 10 except that the types and

amounts of the components (a), (b), (c) and (d) were changed as shown in Table 4. The results are shown in Table 4.

Table 4

| component (a) | Ex.10 | | Ex.11 | Ex.12 |
|---|---------------------------|------------------|--|--|
| | resin 2 (100) | type (amount) | | |
| component (b) | compound (1) (30) | type (amount) | resin 3 (100) compound (11) (25) | resin 1 (100) compound (111) (16) |
| component (c) | compound D (5) | type (amount) | compound A (8) | compound (2) |
| component (d) | melamine α (30) | type (amount) | epoxy β (5) + melamine γ (15) | melamine α (50) |
| radiation sensitivity (MJ/cm ²) | 150 | | 120 | 90 |
| sectional form (tapered angle) | 7° | | 10° | 7° |
| alkali resistance (%) | 101 | | 102 | 103 |
| solvent resistance (%) | 102 | | 101 | 102 |
| heat resistance (%) | 99 | | 99 | 98 |
| existence of residue after development | non-existent | | non-existent | non-existent |
| water permeability (g/m ²) | 420 | | 380 | 300 |
| existence of non-emitting portion | non-existent | | non-existent | non-existent |
| luminance half-life period (h) | 650 | | 700 | 700 |

Ex.: Example

In Table 3, the unit of the amount of each component is parts by weight, compounds (i), (ii) and (iii) are the same as in Table 1, the compounds A, B and D are the same as in Table 2, melamine α , melamine β and epoxy α are the same as in Table 3, and melamine γ and epoxy β are the following compounds.

melamine γ : Cymel 303 of Mitsui Cyanamid Co., Ltd.

epoxy β : Epicoat 154 of Yuka Shell Epoxy Co., Ltd.

Example 13

10 preparation of radiation sensitive resin composition

100 parts by weight of the resin 4 obtained in Synthesis Example 4 as the component (a), 30.0 parts by weight of a condensate of

1,1,3-tris(2,5-dimethyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-phenylpropane (1.0 mol) and 1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonic acid chloride (1.9 mols) as the component (b), 1.0 part by weight of nicotinamide as the component (c) and 30.0 parts by weight of Cymel 300 (of Mitsui Cyanamid Co., Ltd.) were mixed together, the resulting mixture was diluted with and dissolved in methyl 3-methoxypropionate to a total solids content of 40 %, and the obtained solution was filtered with a membrane filter having an opening diameter of 0.1 μm to prepare a composition solution.

formation of patterned thin film

25 The composition solution prepared above was applied to a glass substrate to a film thickness of 1.0 μm with a spin coater and pre-baked on a hot plate at 80°C for 1.5 minutes. The coating film was then exposed to light (exposure: 200 mJ/cm^2 of ghi mixed-rays) using the NSR1755i7A reduction projection exposure tool (NA = 0.50, λ = 365 nm) of Nikon Corporation and developed with an aqueous solution of tetramethylammonium hydroxide at 25°C for 1 minute. Thereafter, the developed coating film was washed with running water and dried to form a pattern on the wafer. Then, the

pattern was exposed to 600 mJ/cm^2 of ultraviolet radiation which was ghi mixed-ray and heated in an oven at 200°C for 60 minutes to form a patterned thin film.

The patterned thin film formed above was evaluated as follows.

(1) pattern shape: The sectional form of the patterned thin film formed above was observed by a scanning electron microscope to be judged according to Fig. 1. Fig. 1(a) shows a good sectional form and Fig. 1(b) shows a bad sectional form. The result is shown in Table 5.

(2) alkali resistance: The glass substrate having the patterned thin film formed thereon was immersed in a 1 % NaOH aqueous solution whose temperature was controlled to 25°C for 20 minutes to calculate $(t_1/T_1) \times 100 (\%)$ as an index for a change in film thickness by immersion in which the film thickness before immersion was represented by T_1 and the film thickness after immersion was represented by t_1 . This value is shown in Table 5. When this value is 98 to 103 %, it can be said that alkali resistance is satisfactory.

(3) heat resistance: The glass substrate having the patterned thin film formed thereon was additionally baked at 220°C for 60 minutes. $(t_2/T_2) \times 100 (\%)$ in which the film thickness before additional baking was represented by T_2 and the film thickness after additional baking was represented by t_2 was calculated as an index for a change in film thickness by additional baking. This value is shown in Table 5. When this value is 95 to 100 %, it can be said that heat resistance is satisfactory.

(4) luminance half-life period of evaluation element: An organic EL panel for evaluation was prepared and a lighting test was made on this panel at a screen brightness of 100 cd/m^2 {(Red: 100 + Green: 200 + Blue: 100) $\text{cd/m}^2 \div 3 \times 0.7 \doteq 100 \text{ cd/m}^2$ }. The time elapsed until the brightness of the screen was halved is shown in Table 1. When this value is

10,000 hours or more, it can be said that luminance half-life period is satisfactory.

Examples 14 to 22 and Comparative Examples 1 and 2

Radiation sensitive resin compositions were prepared
5 in the same manner as in Example 13 except that the components (a), (b), (c) and (d) were changed as shown in Table 5 to form and evaluate patterned thin films. The results are shown in Table 5.

Symbols representing the components (a), (b), (c) and
10 (d) in Table 5 denote the following components. The amounts in Table 5 are all parts by weight in terms of solid matter.

(a) alkali-soluble resin

resin 11: PHM-C {resin prepared by reducing Markalink M (polyhydroxystyrene, Mw = 4,000 to 6,000)} of Maruzen

15 Petrochemical Co., Ltd.

(b) 1,2-quinonediazide compound

compound B(1): condensate of

1,1,3-tris(2,5-dimethyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-phenylpropane (1.0 mol) and 1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonic acid

20 chloride (1.9 mols)

compound B(2): condensate of

4,4'-[1-[4-[1-[4-hydroxyphenyl]-1-methylethyl]phenyl] ethylidene]bisphenol (1.0 mol) and

1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonic acid chloride (2.0

25 mols)

(c) basic nitrogen-containing compound

compound C(1): nicotinamide

compound C(2): triphenylamine

compound C(3):

30 2-(4-aminophenyl)-2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propane

compound C(4): polyethyleneimine

compound C(5): 4-methylpyrrolidone

compound C(6): 4-methylimidazole

compound C(7): 1,3-diphenylurea

compound C(8): piperazine

compound C(9): poly(4-vinylpyridine)

(d) melamines

compound D(1): Cymel 300 of Mitsui Cyanamid Co., Ltd.

5 compound D(2): Cymel 370 of Mitsui Cyanamid Co., Ltd.

compound D(3): Cymel 303 of Mitsui Cyanamid Co., Ltd.

Table 5

| | amount of component (a) | amount of component (b) | amount of component (c) | amount of component (d) | pattern shape | alkali resistance (%) | heat resistance (%) | luminance half-life period (h) |
|--------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| Ex.13 | resin 4 100 | B(1) 30 | C(1) 1 | D(1) 30 | satisfactory | 101 | 99 | 15,000 |
| Ex.14 | resin 4 100 | B(2) 12 | C(2) 1 | D(1) 30 | satisfactory | 101 | 98 | 15,000 |
| Ex.15 | resin 5 100 | B(1) 45 | C(3) 1 | D(1) 30 | satisfactory | 102 | 99 | 15,000 |
| Ex.16 | resin 5 100 | B(2) 30 | C(4) 0.05 | D(1) 30 | satisfactory | 101 | 99 | 15,000 |
| Ex.17 | resin 6 100 | B(1) 30 | C(5) 20 | D(1) 30 | satisfactory | 100 | 98 | 15,000 |
| Ex.18 | resin 7 100 | B(1) 30 | C(6) 1 | D(1) 10 | satisfactory | 101 | 99 | 15,000 |
| Ex.19 | resin 11 100 | B(1) 30 | C(7) 1 | D(1) 50 | satisfactory | 100 | 98 | 15,000 |
| Ex.20 | resin 9 100 | B(1) 40 | C(8) 10 | D(3) 40 | satisfactory | 101 | 99 | 15,000 |
| Ex.21 | resin 4 100 | B(1) 15 | C(9) 0.1 | D(2) 20 | satisfactory | 101 | 99 | 15,000 |
| Ex.22 | resin 4/resin 7 100/40 | B(1) 30 | C(9) 1 | D(2) 30 | satisfactory | 102 | 98 | 15,000 |
| C.Ex.1 | resin 4 100 | B(2) 30 | nil | nil | unsatisfactory | 75 | 93 | 5,000 |
| C.Ex.2 | resin 10 100 | B(2) 30 | C(8) 10 | nil | unsatisfactory | 76 | 92 | 5,000 |

Ex.: Example C.Ex.: Comparative Example

Example 23

preparation of radiation sensitive resin composition

333 parts by weight of a solution containing the resin 11 obtained in Synthesis Example 11 as the component (a) (corresponding to 100 parts by weight (solid content) of the resin 11) and 30.0 parts by weight of a condensate (1,1,3-tris(2,5-dimethyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-phenylpropane-1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonate) of 1,1,3-tris(2,5-dimethyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-phenylpropane (1.0 mol) and 1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonic acid chloride (1.9 mols) as the component (b) were mixed together, the resulting mixture was diluted with and dissolved in propylene glycol methyl ether acetate to a total solids content of 30 %, and the resulting solution was filtered with a membrane filter having an opening diameter of 0.2 μm to prepare a composition solution.

formation of patterned thin film (insulating film)

The composition solution prepared above was applied to a glass substrate to a thickness of 1.2 μm with a spin coater and prebaked on a hot plate at 80°C of 1.5 minutes to form a coating film. This coating film was exposed to light with the NSR1755i7A reduction projection exposure tool of Nikon Corporation (NA = 0.50, λ = 365 nm) through a predetermined pattern mask and developed with an aqueous solution of tetramethylammonium hydroxide at 25°C for 1 minute. The coating film was then washed with running water and dried to form a pattern on the wafer. Thereafter, the coating film was exposed to 300 mJ/cm² of ultraviolet radiation which was ghi mixed-rays from the Aligner PLA501F of Canon Inc. and heated in an oven at 220°C for 60 minutes to form a 1.0 μm thick patterned thin film.

(1) generation of scum (observation through an optical microscope)

When the above obtained patterned thin film was observed

through an optical microscope, there was no scum and a 5.0 μm square through hole was formed.

(2) evaluation of transparency

The light transmission of the above glass substrate
5 having the 1.0 μm thick patterned thin film formed thereon
was measured with the 150-20 double beam spectrophotometer
(of Hitachi, Ltd.). The minimum transmission at a wavelength
range of 400 to 700 nm is shown in Table 6. When this value
is 80 % or more, it can be said that transparency is
10 satisfactory.

(3) evaluation of alkali resistance

The glass substrate having the patterned thin film formed
thereon was immersed for 20 minutes in a 1 % NaOH aqueous
solution whose temperature was controlled to 25°C. The ratio
15 of film thicknesses before and after immersion (t_1/T_1) x 100
(%) in which the film thickness before immersion was
represented by T_1 and the film thickness after immersion was
represented by t_1 was calculated. This result is shown in
Table 6. When this value is 95 to 105 %, it can be said that
20 alkali resistance is satisfactory.

(4) evaluation of solvent resistance

The glass substrate having the patterned thin film
formed thereon was immersed for 20 minutes in a mixed solution
of dimethyl sulfoxide/N-methylpyrrolidone (weight ratio of
25 70/30) whose temperature was controlled to 25°C. The ratio
of film thicknesses before and after immersion (t_2/T_2) x 100
(%) in which the film thickness before immersion was
represented by T_2 and the film thickness after immersion was
represented by t_2 was calculated. This result is shown in
30 Table 6. When this value is 95 to 105 %, it can be said that
solvent resistance is satisfactory.

(5) evaluation of heat resistance

The glass substrate having the patterned thin film formed
thereon was additionally baked at 220°C for 60 minutes. The

ratio of film thicknesses before and after additional baking
(t_3/T_3) $\times 100$ (%) in which the film thickness before additional
baking was represented by T_3 and the film thickness after
additional baking was represented by t_3 was calculated. This
5 result is shown in Table 6. When this value is 95 to 105 %, it can be said that heat resistance is satisfactory.

(6) evaluation of flattening performance

The above composition was applied to a silicon wafer
substrate having an aluminum pattern having a line width of
10 20 μm and a space width of 80 μm to a thickness of 1 μm .
Thereafter, the substrate was prebaked at 80° C for 1.5 minutes,
exposed to 300 mJ/cm^2 of ultraviolet radiation which was ghl
mixed-rays from the Aligner PLA501F of Canon Inc., and heated
at 220° C for 60 minutes to form an insulating film. The surface
15 roughness of the formed insulating film was measured with
the α -step (of KLA Tencol Co., Ltd.). The maximum surface
unevenness is shown in Table 6. When this value is 0.2 μm
or less, it can be said that flattening performance is
satisfactory.

20 (7) luminance half-life period

An organic EL panel for evaluation was produced and a
lighting promotion test was made on the panel at a screen
brightness of 100 cd/m^2 {(Red: 100 + Green: 200 + Blue: 100)
 $\text{cd}/\text{m}^2 + 3 \times 0.7 \div 100 \text{ cd}/\text{m}^2$ } and a temperature of 105° C. The
25 time elapsed until the screen brightness was halved is shown
in Table 6. When this value is 400 hours or more, it can be
said that luminance half-life period is satisfactory.

Example 24

A composition solution was prepared and evaluated in
30 the same manner as in Example 23 except that 333 parts by
weight of a solution containing the resin 12 prepared in
Synthesis Example 12 (corresponding to 100 parts by weight
(solid content) of the resin 12) as the component (a) and
25 parts by weight of a condensate

(4,4'-[1-[4-[1-[4-hydroxyphenyl]-1-methylethyl]phenyl] ethylidene]bisphenol-1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonate) of

4,4'-[1-[4-[1-[4-hydroxyphenyl]-1-methylethyl]phenyl] ethylidene]bisphenol (1.0 mol) and
5 1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonic acid chloride (2.0 mols) as the component (b) were used. The results are shown in Table 6.

Example 25

10 A composition solution was prepared and evaluated in the same manner as in Example 23 except that 333 parts by weight of a solution containing the resin 13 prepared in Synthesis Example 13 (corresponding to 100 parts by weight (solid content) of the resin 13) as the component (a) and
15 20 parts by weight of a condensate (2,3,4-hydroxybenzophenone-1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonate) of 2,3,4-hydroxybenzophenone (1.0 mol) and 1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-5-sulfonic acid chloride (2.0 mols) as the component (b) were used. The results are shown
20 in Table 6.

Example 26

A composition solution was prepared and evaluated in the same manner as in Example 23 except that the amount of the component (b) was changed to 40 parts by weight. The
25 results are shown in Table 6.

Table 6

| | Ex. 23 | Ex. 24 | Ex. 25 | Ex. 26 |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| generation of scum | no scum existent | no scum existent | no scum existent | no scum existent |
| 5.0 μ m square through hole | 92 | 91 | 95 | 92 |
| transparency (%) | | | | |
| (minimum transmission at 400 to 700 nm) | | | | |
| alkali resistance (%) | 102 | 104 | 101 | 103 |
| solvent resistance (%) | 103 | 102 | 101 | 102 |
| heat resistance (%) | 99 | 99 | 99 | 99 |
| flattening performance (μ m) | 0.17 | 0.20 | 0.18 | 0.19 |
| luminance half-life period (h) | 700 | 650 | 700 | 760 |

Ex.: Example

Effect of the Invention

According to the present invention, there are provided an insulating film for an organic EL element, which has sufficiently low water permeability and a good sectional form
5 and whose reactivity with a basic material and an electrode made from a metal having a low work function is suppressed, and a radiation sensitive resin composition (first composition) for forming the insulating film.

According to the present invention, there are also
10 provided an insulating film for an organic EL element, which enables the formation of a through hole or U-shaped cavity therein and has excellent flattening performance high transparency, and high resistance to a resist stripper, and a radiation sensitive resin composition (second composition)
15 for forming the insulating film.

The organic EL display element of the present invention has no emission failure, sufficiently long luminance half-life period and excellent reliability.